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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON WHO VACANCY NO. 75/114 (DR SACKS)

REF: A) GENEVA 8421, B) STATE 259054, C) GENEVA 7873

1. WALSH AND NEE NOMINATIONS FOR DR SACKS' POSITION CURRENTLY UNDERGOING WHO REVIEW. IN ADDITION, NINE OTHER APPLICATIONS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION, SIX FROM WITHIN, THREE OUTSIDE, WHO.

2. TOTAL OF FIVE U.S. APPLICANTS AMONG OVERALL ELEVEN CANDIDATES INCLUDE, BESIDES WALSH AND NEE, 1) MR GEORGE M. COLEMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROJECT SUPPORT, NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA BUREAU, AID, PRESENTLY UNDERGOING WHO BRIEFINGS IN GENEVA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, FAMILY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY BEFORE GOING ON TO SYRIA; 2) AN AMERICAN IN WHO IN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AREA; 3) AND AN AMERICAN IN ILO (POSEY) NOT CONSIDERED HIGHLY QUALIFIED.

3. MR PAUL LAWTON OF UK, DR MOCHI'S ASSISTANT MENTIONED IN REFTTEL A, NO LONGER INTERESTED. THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH WHO PERSONNEL OFFICE, MISSION BELIEVES FIELD WIDE OPEN WITH NO ONE CANDIDATE POSSESSING IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS.

4. MISSION HAS STRESSED US INTEREST AND ALSO LENT SUPPORT TO COLEMAN APPLICATION BUT INFORMED TODAY BY WHO PERSONNEL OFFICE THAT PANEL REVIEWING APPLICATIONS IS VERY LIKELY TO SELECT CANDIDATE OTHER THAN AMERICAN AS PART OF "UNOFFICIAL" POLICY

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TO ROTATE NATIONALS IN HIGH STAFF POSITIONS.

5. MISSION HAS ALSO LEARNED THERE MAY BE "MEDICAL MAFIA"
ATTEMPT TO INSIST UPON A MEDICALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE, NOT-
WITHSTANDING RECENTLY REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION STATING OTHERWISE.
IF TRUE, DR C.J. ROSS-SMITH, PARA 4 OF REFTEL A, P.6 AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN WHO WESTERN PACIFIC REGION (MANILA) MIGHT WELL BE INSIDE CHOICE.

6. DR SACKS WILL DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH MISSION HEALTH ATTACHE ON NOVEMBER 14. CABLE TO FOLLOW.DALE

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